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PORTSMOUTH.

February 1944.

To the Chairman and Members of the Port Sanitary Authority.

Mesdames and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my report of the work of the Port Sanitary Authority of Portsmouth during the year 1943.

The total number of foreign and coastwise ships entering the port last year shows a slight decrease as compared with the previous year.

There was one case of infectious disease (Dysentery) reported in the area during the year.

I desire to express my thanks to the King's Harbour Master and to H.M. Collector of Customs and staff for their cordial co-operation and valuable assistance during the year.

It is again my pleasure to record my appreciation of the excellent service readily and willingly given me by the Port Sanitary Inspector.

To the Chairman and Members of the Portsmouth Port Sanitary Authority my thanks are due for their unfailing sympathy and support in all matters relating to Port Sanitation throughout the year.

JURISDICTION OF THE PORT SANITARY AUTHORITY

There has been no change in the limits of the jurisdiction of the Port Sanitary Authority.

I. AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE PORT DURING THE YEAR 1943.

TABLE A.

	No. Inspected by M.O.H.	No. Inspected by P.S.I.	No. of Vessels found defective	No. of Vessels on which defects were remedied	No. of Vessels with infectious disease.
Total:-	-	284	73	73	1 (Dysentery)

II. CHARACTER OF TRADE OF PORT

CARGO TRAFFIC. The principal imports were coal, cement stone and oil.

III. SOURCES OF WATER SUPPLY

The water used in the Docks is supplied by the Portsmouth Water Company. Vessels in dock are supplied from hydrants on

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the quay from the same source. There are two water boats ("Fenna" and "Eclair") in use. These are both in good sanitary condition, and are periodically inspected.

With regard to the supply of drinking water to ships arriving at and leaving the port, the precautions as indicated in previous reports are taken before water is supplied.

IV. PORT SANITARY REGULATIONS, 1933.

(1) Arrangements for dealing with Declaration of Health have been continued as in previous years.

(2) The telegraphic address is "Portelth, Portsmouth".

(3) Mooring Stations are as indicated previously, subject to variation by the C-in-C owing to war conditions.

(4) Cases of dangerous infectious disease* are removed to the smallpox hospital at Elson, or the City Infectious Hospital

*(Plague, Cholera, Yellow Fever, Smallpox)

All other cases of infectious disease are removed to the City Infectious Diseases Hospital by means of the Corporation Motor Ambulance Service.

Contacts of infectious disease cases are dealt with as indicated in previous reports.

TABLE C.

There was one case of infectious disease (Dysentery) landed from vessels.

TABLE D.

There were no cases of infectious diseases occurring upon the voyage, but disposed of prior to the vessel's arrival.

V. MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS

There is a rat catcher employed and rat-guards are in use on mooring ropes.

TABLE E.

No rats were destroyed during the year in vessels.

TABLE F.

20 rats were destroyed in Warehouses during the year.

VI. HYGIENE OF CREW'S SPACES.

TABLE J.

No. Inspected during yr.1943	Defects of original Construction	Dirt, vermin and other conditions pred. to health
284	Nil	73

VII. FOOD INSPECTION

The importations of food-stuffs are small in amount, these

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being chiefly potatoes, flour, sugar, margarine, bacon, butter and tinned foods. During the year no adverse reports were made by the Veterinary Officer.

Shell-fish - There is now no oyster-laying in Langstone Harbour.

During the year no action was taken under the Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937, the Public Health (Preservatives etc., in Food) Regulations, 1925 to 1939, the Public Health (Imported Milk) Regulations, 1926, and the Public Health (Shellfish) Regulations, 1934.

The number of livestock landed at the docks from the Isle of Wight was 477. (Horses 53, Cattle 50, Sheep 272, Calves 62 and Pigs 40) During the inspections of livestock no clinical evidence of the existence of any contagious and notifiable diseases was found.

I have the honour to be Mesdames and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

A.B. WILLIAMSON, M.D.,

Medical Officer of Health
City and Port of Portsmouth.

[illegible] quality products, first, under, [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] and finest foods. Giving his best to achieve results [illegible] to up the [illegible] citizen.

Small-size - there is no [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] interest.

Seeing the best in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]